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		Customer No.	66880

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AMENDMENT / REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

This amendment is timely filed in response to the Office action mailed July 30, 2007.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 153-171 are pending in the present application. Claims 156 and 166 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Walker '972 (U.S. Patent No. 6,227,972) in view of Walker '765 (US 6,364,765). Claims 153-155, 157-165, 167-171 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Walker '972 (US 6,227,972). Claims 153 and 162 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims.